

Dear Sir,

Reference: STRAT12 Northfield.

Individual response to S.O.D.C. Planning about the Local Plan 2034.

I am responding to object to the inclusion of the Northfield Housing Site in the Local Plan 2034 for the reasons stated below:

I have never been consulted at any stage about this plan.

Horspath is a separate entity – since before Domesday Book – and it should remain so; SODC should not be making it an amorphous suburb of Cowley by abandoning that which it previously supported : The Green Belt.

The building of Northfield on Green Belt land is in conflict with SODC's policy STRAT Green Belt.

Horspath lies within the Green Belt, and thus should be inviolate – we MUST keep the Green Belt for the purpose it was conceived, and for the residents who live here, and who chose to.

Local Plan 2034 is not legally compliant or sound.

1,800 homes cannot be supported by the existing infrastructure – not even a “B” road is in the entire parish, and all the existing minor roads are inadequate for even current traffic levels.

A possible commuter link – the existing railway line to Cowley and beyond will be far too expensive to reopen; the Kennington – Oxford main line is already at full capacity.

In the absence of a rail link – and NO bus service, everybody in this proposed development would have to use the existing inadequate road system.

SODC's decision to provide more houses than the total needed in South Oxfordshire (calculated by the Objectively Assessed Need process does not make any case for removing Northfield site from the Green Belt.

Oxford City Council's unmet housing need is in conflict with SODC's STRATG Green Belt policy.

There is no motive for Brasenose College in all this -beyond profit - in prostituting this valuable agricultural land; it has no interest or brief in supplying housing, no matter who might live there.

I do not believe that SODC should be considering Northfield as it places the priority of Oxford City Council's needs above its own.

In conclusion: Northfield should be completely taken out of this Local Plan 2034.

Please add me to the database for further information on Local Plan 2034, permit me to participate in the oral hearings part of the legal Examination in public, and provide me with an acknowledgement to having received this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Brian J. Lowe. 5th. February, 2019.